

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

If you hear relatively little concerning our nat'l defense program in the wks ahead, it will be because both major parties deem it politically expedient to make the minimum militaristic display in an election yr. The program is by no means dead, and it will be forwarded energetically in '49. As a matter of fact anxiety over prospect of war is probably keener at the moment in high governmental realms than it has been at any time. (We'll be roundly scored for this "warmongering" statement, but we are merely setting forth a fact, not indulging an opinion.)

There are men in responsible positions in Washington who have said within the fortnight that war *this yr* is a definite possibility. This is, of course, a minority opinion. Those who take this stand point out that if Russia is indeed bound on world conquest, her hour is at hand. Actually she could move to control any country in Europe by strategy or even force of arms, and in our present state of unpreparedness there is virtually nothing we could do about it. A yr, or two yrs hence, the story might be quite different. Thus (say these observers) an early Russian offensive might "make sense" in the viewpoint of the Kremlin. Again we remind you that we are reporting, not forecasting. No one really *knows* what transpires behind the Iron Curtain.

ROB'T R YOUNG, pres, C & O Ry: "There are 10,000 businessmen who would be a better Pres than any of the men now considered." 1-Q

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W HAMILTON AULENBACH, rector, Christ Church and St Michael's, Germantown, Pa: "Aren't women queer? They pay \$4 for a bottle of precious perfume to make themselves smell like a fragrant flower. They smoke a 20¢ pkg of cigarettes and they smell like a backyard outhouse." 2-Q

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JAS F BYRNES, former Sec'y of State: "The nearest approach to immortality on earth is a gov't bureau." 3-Q

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Rear Adm ELLIS M ZACHARIAS, US Navy, Retired: "There are today in the arsenals of the great powers weapons—chemical, biological, and climatological—more devastating than the atom bomb, capable of exterminating the last vestige of human, animal and vegetable life from the earth." 4-Q

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Sen ROB'T A TAFT, Ohio, Republican presidential candidate: "During and since the last war we seem to have been dominated by a complete inferiority complex to Russia." 5-Q

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Dr HAROLD C UREY, former director, War Research Atomic Bomb Project: "The UN is one of the most inadequate organizations for the enormous problems before it that could possibly be devised." 6-Q

LORD HALIFAX: "Christianity must be just as intense as Communism if it is to prevail in the world today." 7-Q

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CLINTON P ANDERSON, Sec'y of Agriculture: "If prices are to be kept from going thru the ceiling, it is time to dust off some controls." 8-Q

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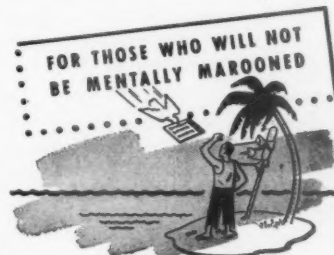
Sen CHAN GURNEY, Chairman of Senate armed services committee: "We learned there is not enough manpower between 19½ and 25 to fill expected needs of the 2-yr draft plan. Too many of them are veterans, married or exempt as mbrs of the nat'l guard or other class A reserve units." 9-Q

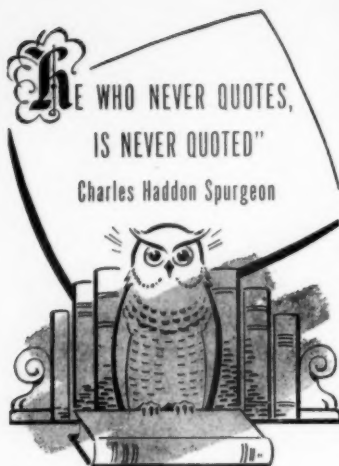
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Sen HOMER CAPEHART, of Ind: "A mbr of Congress can't be an expert on every conceivable subject there is, and sooner or later every conceivable subject comes before Congress." 10-Q

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Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER: "All wars are stupid. . . My greatest fear is that some stupid act may cause war." 11-Q





#### AGE—Advantage—1

It is said that Pope Sixtus IV (1414-1484) counterfeited sickness and all the infirmities of age so well as to deceive the whole conclave. It was supposed that he would not live a yr and he was elected. The moment he had won the desired position he threw away his crutches, and began to sing the *Te Deum* with a much stronger voice than his electors had bargained for. Instead of walking with a tottering step he marched in their presence with a firm gait, perfectly upright.

When someone commented on the sudden change, he repl'd: "While I was looking for the keys of St Peter it was necessary to stoop, but having found them the case is altered."—THOS H WARNER, *Church Mgt.*

#### AMERICA—2

The number of native-born Americans is increasing. Twenty-five yrs ago, half the babies had at least 1 foreign-born parent; today, only 1 child in 10 has a foreign-born parent.—*Southwestern Advocate.*

#### BEHAVIOR—3

The important thing is, not the moral perfection to which a man attains, but the process of attainment.—*Miami Herald.*

#### BOOKS—4

Books are masters who instruct us without rods or ferrules, without words or anger, without bread or money. If you approach them, they are not asleep, if you seek them,

they do not hide, if you blunder, they do not scold, if you are ignorant, they do not laugh at you.—RICHARD DE BURY, quoted in *Pleasures of Publishing*, hm, Columbia Univ Press.

#### CAMOUFLAGE—5

Needy miners and settlers in British Columbia, Canada, busily engaged in stripping abandoned Ft Alcan of lumber, electrical appliances, and plumbing, made an amazing discovery. While dismantling the gaol they found that the mighty locks were attached to the heavy doors and 2-in steel bars covered the windows, the walls of the brig were only patented wall-board of clay and paper, painted to resemble iron.—*Magazine Digest.*

#### COMMUNISM—6

The communist, steeped in stealth, trickery and deceit, has the same effect on America as a cancerous growth. — HENRY J TAYLOR, radio commentator.

#### CONSERVATISM—7

When an intelligent radical assumes public office, the usual manifestation is that responsibility breeds conservatism.—Editorial, *Los Angeles Times.*

#### CONVERSATION—8

"What is conversation?" asked DeMaupassant. "Mystery! It is the art of never seeming wearisome, of knowing how to say everything interestingly, of pleasing with no matter what, of fascinating with nothing at all."—*Pegmatites*, hm, Golding-Keene Co.

#### COURAGE—9

One bright young French girl of 17, kidnaped from France because she was working in the underground, was sent to a concentration camp where she was strapped to a board and beaten with cords. Her body is scarred but not her spirit nor hope. She told me that because she was able to exercise her faith in liberation and in the future she could often bear the pain without crying out, and sometimes she could so detach herself from her body that she actually did not feel the pain. This is the kind of mat'l that some people in this country are still saying we should not admit.—GERTRUDE ELY, "These Survivors of Great Fortitude," *Survey Graphic*, 4-48.

#### DISCIPLINE—10

Speaking of a child's need to develop self-discipline: "You can't snap discipline onto him from the outside like handcuffs; it's something that he has to develop inside like a backbone."—Dr BENJ SPOCK, *Baby and Child Care*. (Pocket Books)

#### EDUCATION—11

Schools are mills in which human creatures are moulded to type, clipped and rounded for smooth conveyance of customs and enactments. The less reasoning an individual does on his own acc't, the less friction in the operation of the System. — JOHN O'HARA COSGRAVE, *Man: A Citizen of the Universe*. (Farrar, Straus)

#### EUROPE—Postwar—12

In Europe events move with the breathless pace of a play-by-play broadcast, unbroken even by brief pauses for nation identification.—*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.*

#### FEAR—13

Outside the mountain villages of Algeria may be seen barren trees decorated with strips of mat'l tied to their branches. Berber women, moved by fear, have torn strips from their dresses to tie them to the tree made sacred by the fact that once some holy man rested beneath its shade. Each is a symbol of a fear—fear for a child that is weak, fear of death because someone dear is sick, fear of divorce because there is no son. Such a tree of distress might stand before the door of every house in the world, for there is scarcely a home in which some man or woman or child is not torn by apprehension.—ERNEST WALL, *The Sovereign Emblem*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

#### FREEDOM—14

Freedom and duty always go hand in hand and if the free do not accept the duty of social responsibility they will not long remain free.—JOHN FOSTER DULLES, *Missions.*

#### HAPPINESS—15

If you wish to be happy for an hr, says a Chinese proverb, get drunk. If you wish to be happy for 3 days, get married. If you wish to be happy for 8 days, kill your pig and eat it. But if you wish to be happy forever, become a gardener.—*Volta Review.*

#### HUMAN NATURE—16

Even tho there is now available a small bar of concentrated

food which contains the equivalent of 11 eggs yolks, a portion of meat, a qt of milk, fresh orange juice and cod liver oil, someone is bound to ask, "And what's the free gift if we save the wrappers?" — *Boston Globe*.

#### A Challenge to American Democracy

In the time that it takes to read this report, 1,000 Americans will be born. These new Americans will come into families whose religious faiths are a roster of all those which men hold sacred. Their names will be strange and varied, echoes from every corner of the world. Their skins will range in color from black to white. A few will be born to riches, more to average comfort, and too many of them to poverty.

These new Americans, drawn from all of the races of mankind, provide a challenge to our American democracy. We have a great heritage of freedom and equality for all men, sometimes called "the American way." Yet we cannot avoid the knowledge that the American ideal still awaits complete realization.—Report of the Public Policy Committee of the United American Program.

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#### HUMILITY—18

Gounod worshipped Mozart more than any other composer. In his old age, he confessed: "When I was very young, I used to say *I*. Later on, I said, *I and Mozart*. Then—*Mozart and I*. Now, I say only—*Mozart*!"—DAVID EWEN, *Listen to the Mocking Words*. (Arco)

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Humiliation is an emotion caused by sudden shrinking to our normal dimensions.—*N Y Jnl American*.

#### INFLATION—19

The statesman who encourages inflation is possibly explained by some incident of youth, like standing up in a roller coaster and getting away with it.—*Omaha World-Herald*.

#### INGENUITY—20

Some workmen were hoisting a huge marble shaft. They were using a multiple-block rope-hoist from a derrick and it was just half an inch too short to swing the block, weighing several tons, into position.

There appeared to be no easy solution.

An engineer was asked what to do. He looked at the rope and derrick and said: "Hoist her as high as she'll go, hold 'er there, and soak those ropes with water." The water made the dry ropes shrink and the chunk of marble swung clear.—*Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.

#### IRONY—21

Gunnar Myrdal, Swedish pres of the UN economic committee, attended a dinner in Paris given by M Jean Monnet at a fashionable restaurant, and asked for some Camembert cheese.

"We haven't any," said the head waiter, "but, if you'd like it, I've got some remarkable English cheese—real Stilton."

Next day Myrdal was in London where he was entertained by Sir David Waley, a high official of the Treasury. After the dessert Sir David, visibly embarrassed, told his guest: "I'm sorry I haven't got any cheese worthy of the name—you can't get Stilton nowadays; but if you like it, I can offer you some real French Camembert." — IRVING HOFFMAN.

#### LIFE—22

Life is like a blanket too short. You pull it up and your toes rebel; you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulders, but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night.—MARION HOWARD, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

#### MARRIAGE—23

All that a husband or wife really wants is to be pitied a little, praised a little, appreciated a little; and for each to realize that the hard work is not all on one side.—WARREN H GOLDSMITH, *Crumbs of Common Sense*.

#### OBJECTIVITY—24

Speaking of children, a comparatively young father of 3 whose wife is about to present him with a 4th, is only mildly delighted. "At least there'll be 6 in the family," he says, "and we won't have that problem of a leftover half-grapefruit every morning."—*This Wk*.

#### ORIGIN—"Born to the purple"—25

"Born to the purple" means just that. About 3,000 B C crushed sea snails produced Tyrian purple,

which sold for \$150 a lb. None but the nobility could afford to use it.—*Blossom Time*, hm, Blossom Products Corp'n.

#### PATIENCE—26

An important—and often the most important—factor in a research project is patience—the patience that outwits and outwaits failure.—*Research Viewpoint*, hm, Esselen Research Corp'n.

#### PEACE—27

The important thing to watch about the Pipe of Peace is that it doesn't go up in smoke.—BEATRICE KAY, P M.

#### POLITICS—28

One would say that the man who writes political speeches has a promising career.—*Houghton Line*, hm, Houghton & Co.

#### PREJUDICE—29

We all laugh at Sen Claghorn. We think it is funny when he won't go to Yankee Stadium. Or when he insists that Ann Southern is his favorite actress. He won't accept Lincoln pennies and he doesn't like the compass "because it points North instead of South." In a way we are all Sen Claghorns. He is funny to us because he is an exaggeration of one of the traits in human nature—prejudice. In his case, to all things northern. Your prejudice is not funny. Get rid of it.—ELMER WHEELER, *How to Sell Yourself to Others*. (Prentice-Hall)



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**AUTOMOBILE — Accessories:** Calif firm is making an electric curb signal claimed to prevent marring of fenders and white wall tires. Two 4½-in coils, mounted on bottom edges of front and rear fenders, signal driver with electric buzzer when coil touches curb, warning that only 4½-in's of parking clearance remain. (*Financial Post*)

**FOOD — Service:** Conveyor-belt cafeteria moves diners from soup to sweet in 20 min's. Diner sits on wide air-cushioned seats moved at 5 ft a min, with plastic counter in front of them going at same speed. After 5 min's, when soup or hors-d'oeuvre is finished, seat has moved to point where main course is served; and 10 min's later to sweet and coffee section. (*London Daily Mail*)

**INSECT—Control:** Built-in spray system for wooden bldgs offers way to stop termites. Method consists of installing a series of slotted pipes at time of construction in all inaccessible places. Each yr thereafter perforated tube is slipped into these pipes and all hidden areas are treated with powerful chemical toxic blown thru the openings. (*Hill Termite Control Systems*, Memphis, Tenn)

**OFFICE APPLIANCES:** Electrically-driven hand eraser is said to make smooth, clean, sharp erasures on tracings and drafting room copies. Balanced and shaped to fit hand, it operates with pencil-point precision. Total weight, 12 oz's. Optional equipment includes easy-to-operate foot speed control permitting freedom of hands. (*Chicago Wheel & Mfg Co*, Chicago)

**PRESERVATIVES:** Solution that preserves freshly cut flowers for several yrs (but not their fragrance) will soon be marketed by Drs Philip and Sidney Joffe, Paterson, N J. (*Newsweek*)

## PROPAGANDA—30

One of the great menaces of our time is the professional propagandist and columnist who makes capital out of the fears and anxieties of the common people.—RALPH W SOCKMAN, *Missions*.

## REFORM—31

A friend found John Dewey, the philosopher, standing with his small son who was ankle deep in a puddle of water. Dewey was looking perplexed. "John," said the friend, "you'd better get that boy out of that puddle or he'll catch cold."

"I know, I know," said Dewey, "but it won't do any good to get him out of the puddle. I've got to get him to want to get out of the puddle, and I'm trying to figure out how."—MILTON MAYER, "Negroes Are Almost As Bad As Whites," *Negro Digest*, 3-'48.

## SKILL—32

An American traveler tells of driving a motor-car into a remote desert stretch in Central Asia, and there encountering people who never before had seen any such contrivance. On one occasion while being entertained with great formality by a local princeling, he heard a loud clatter outside the tent in which he was resting, indicating that something was happening to his car. Rushing to investigate, he found the prince in the seat holding the steering wheel as he had seen his visitor hold it. When the car failed to respond to his commands to go, he had ordered his men to beat it with sticks.—*Pick-Up*, United Parcel Service.

## SPEECH—Speaking—33

A city councilman in a certain Southern community was delighted when he heard he was to be invited to deliver the Memorial Day address at the meeting of the local American Legion Post. But the wording of the official invitation, when he rec'd it, gave him pause.

"You are invited to be one of the speakers at our Memorial Day meeting," the summons read. "The program will include remarks by the Mayor, a high school student reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, your speech, and then the firing squad." — *Christian Science Monitor*.

## SUCCESS—34

A great drawback about success is that by the time you are rich

enough to sleep late, you're so old you wake up early every morning.—*Construction Digest*.

## VIEWPOINT—35

A passer-by stood watching the struggles of a truck driver trying to get a large box from one truck to another as they stood backed together.

"Here, let me help you," he volunteered, and the two puffed, grunted and struggled for sometime without results.

"Afraid it's no use," panted the helper, "we'll never get it off."

"Off!" bellowed the driver. "Why, I don't want it off, I want it on!"—W E GOLDEN, *Reader's Scope*.

## Maid to order

In N Y, the Lovable-Girl-of-the-Mo Committee has announced the results of a nat'l poll. Fifty-four % voted a girl's mind as most important; her looks ran 2nd with 37%; her bankroll drew 9%, her legs only 2½%. Ability to run a home rated 50%, a sense of humor 49%, a desire for children 95%. Political convictions? Sixty-three % said they don't count.—*Woman*. 36

## WAR—37

The soldiers of the next slaughter called "war"—and the civilians also—will have exactly as much chance for heroism and glory as cattle in the Chicago stockyards. — BRUCE BARTON, *NEA Jnl*.

## WAR—Education—38

After every great war in the last 100 yrs the defeated nation has turned to its educational system to strengthen itself. Perhaps the time has come for the victors to be wise.—EDGAR DALE, *News Letter*.

## WORRY—39

Successful worrying is based upon a sequence of proper thinking first with memory of the past, adjusting that experience with the present and constructive imagination for a positive plan for the future.

The bad kind of worrying is based upon fear of unknown consequences without forethought on a positive plan.—Dr DAVID SEABURY, psychologist.

A person can't change the past by all his worrying but he sure can ruin a perfectly good present by stewing about the future.—Origin unknown.



## Only Heaven That's Given Away



Many readers of mystery stories will know FULTON OURSLER better under the name Anthony Abbot. Also well-known as the author of the radio program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," FULTON OURSLER is Senior Editor of Reader's Digest. In his newest book, *The Precious Secret* (Winston, \$2.75), Mr. OURSLER says: "One of America's unalienable rights has fallen into disrepute. The pursuit of happiness seems to be an unmentionable these days, altho every human soul yearns for it and spends his life trying to achieve it." There are however a few who do achieve happiness and in his book, Mr. OURSLER tells many stories of men and women who have found the way to take life in their stride and who have possessed or at least had a glimpse of "the precious secret."

We can be happy in this world in spite of anything and anybody. No one can guarantee us success, health or wealth, nor can anyone insure us against pain, failure or betrayal. But by using certain basic psychological techniques, we can, with uncracked heart, meet wisely and serenely the best and the worst that fate can do.

More than 700 yrs ago St Bernard said, "Nothing can work me damage except myself; the harm that I sustain I carry with me, and I am the real sufferer by my own fault." The fault is often our thinking. Within our minds we have a power that can dispossess fear, hatred, and apathy and can bring us peace and achievement amid confusion or even tragedy. This is the power of choice; we can select our points of view; we actually decide for ourselves whether to be happy or not.

A famous teacher of psychological truths has declared that such felicity is no will-o'-the-wisp but a reality within the grasp of any man or woman willing to work hard for it. What I am recalling, to those who may have forgotten them, is nothing more than the Great Psychologist's 8 rules for sound mental health.

This well-being of the spirit is a paradox—an eager tranquillity, an active and urgent serenity, a kind of happy marriage of thought and action. The laws of mental health are as real and positive as the laws of bodily health. Behind the fierce conflict of dreams and disappointments in every human heart there stands a design of permanent order; to understand and obey the rules is to become a part of that order, is to free ourselves from fear and despondency and to know an internal balance that is unshatter-

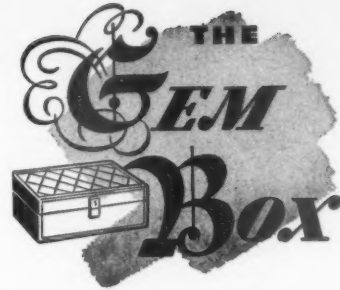
The happy man when he reads will not be satisfied with the newspaper and the latest best-seller only; he will always be making friends with a masterpiece. Sometimes I tell my son a tale of some barrels of paint which a truck carries into the tunnel under the Hudson River and on to a factory in N J. There in a dark room the heads are knocked off the barrels. A man opens a lead tube the size of a human finger and a weird radiance gashes the darkness. When the barrels are trucked back to N Y, the colored liquids display a mysterious new aura. The paint can be used on clock dials and objects that need to be seen when there is no light. The reason, of course, is that when the paint stood in the presence of radium it absorbed some of its glory and thereafter shone with a borrowed glow.

It is like the hotel doorman who came to know Lincoln and for the rest of his life tried to smile like him.

able. In this observance of law lies the precious secret.

1. We will have a goal and pursue it faithfully. 2. We will have an unquenchable interest in knowledge and truth. 3. We will never be content with anything that we do. 4. We will know that in grief we can grow strong. 5. We will accept misfortune in good faith. 6. We will keep clean of grudges. 7. We will do more than we are req'd to do. 8. We will learn the true values of obstacles and even of viciously unfair treatment. This is the toughest and most rewarding rule of all.

In none of these 8 rules is there anything new. They are simply ancient Beatitudes given to the



## Man's Next Step

Some 800 delegates from Western European countries are meeting this wk in The Hague in the 1st Congress of Europe. It is a new venture, one that we hail with hope and encouragement, as the Congress seeks to establish a closer union among the participating countries. There is an appropriate message which might well be dedicated to this 1st Congress of Europe in this excerpt from *The Return of the Traveler*, by REX WARNER.

Man's ability to form associations had reached a certain point and then stopped. And at this point, as tho to remind him of the difficult further step from which he shrinks, death and destruction on an unprecedented scale have intervened. Why can he not take this further step? There are many reasons, and they are closely associated together. For one thing his imagination is weak and undeveloped. He will behave with extraordinary self-sacrifice toward those who march with him under the same flag because he has shared their life and their dangers and his fellowship with them has given a fragmentary but none the less real access of meaning to his own existence. He cannot often see himself as a fellow man with his enemies who are undergoing precisely the same dangers as himself; still less can he think of himself as a partner and collaborator with those of completely different races and customs who perhaps have not yet developed his present and dangerous state of organization. Yet he must take this further step in fellowship if he is to survive.

world in the opening verses of the Sermon on the Mount, and He who was the greatest psychologist of all time has assured us that those who practice them will be happy.

# GOOD STORIES

## You Can Use

One of the amusing stories in Lee Allen's book, *The Cincinnati Reds* (Putman), is a supposed encounter between Tip O'Neill, Red outfielder, and a Cincinnati preacher one Sunday. Tip asked whether the preacher was going to the ball game, and the following conversation ensued:

"No," repl'd the minister. "I don't go to ball games on Sunday. Sunday is my busiest day."

"I know," said Tip. "It's my busiest day, too."

"Yes," said the pastor. "But I'm in the right field."

"So am I," said Tip. "Ain't that sun terrible?" a

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*Obituary: He thought life a fun-way st.—P K THOMAJAN. Phoenix Flame.*

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The aviation instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded: "And if it doesn't open—well, gentleman, that's what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion.'"—*Arkansas Methodist.* b

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*A disclosure that the father of 3 sets of twins is the floor walker gives one a wholly new conception of the busman's holiday.—Washington Star.*

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Sheike Feifer was such an utter failure in everything he undertook, that he actually became the barometer for money speculators, weather experts, stock exchanges, etc. If Sheike left the house carrying an umbrella everyone knew it would be a clear sun-shiny day. If he planted a garden, the weather experts predicted little rain for that summer. One day Sheike announced that he was going to become a capmaker. The whole town was thrown into a panic. For it was a certainty that if Sheike became a capmaker all the children would be born without heads.—*MARK FEDER, American Hebrew.* c

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A man had made an error in setting up his machine, and had run a lot of scrap before his boss caught the mistake. Consequently,

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

GUY LOMBARDO  
Orchestra Leader

A wealthy man decided to get away from it all by building himself a luxurious lodge in the sticks. He selected his site deep in the Tenn hills, had a top-notch architect draw up plans and then dispatched the plans to a local carpenter with instructions to follow the blueprints exactly.

After a few mo's, the tycoon went to see how his house was doing, only to find that not a single plank had been cut. The distracted man turned to the carpenter for an explanation.

"Them blueprints was done by a crazy man," the carpenter informed him angrily. "Why, if I was, to build that house the way it's laid out, you'd have two bathrooms!" — *H W KEL-LICK, Pageant.*

his foreman was giving him a sound bawling out.

"You're a fine one!" howled the boss. "Here I've taught you everything I know and you still don't know anything!"—*Chain Gang, hm, Diamond Chain Co.* d

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*A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the 1st word you thought of.—Sun Dial, hm, Peninsular Telephone Co.*

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It happened back in the dustbowl era:

"How are things with you?" asked the 1st cattleman.

"Tough," said the 2nd cattleman. "Mighty tough. Why, my critters are so thin that by using carbon paper I can brand 2 at a time!"—*Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine.* e

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Rob't R Young brought the Duke of Windsor to a board meeting of the C & O Ry. Before the Duke arrived, Young briefed the board mbrs on protocol—the bow of the

head, remembering to address him as "your royal highness" or as "Sir," etc. . . Rob't Bowman, pres of the C & O wasn't in the room during this briefing. When he entered and saw a stranger there, the affable American railroad man walked up to the Duke of Windsor, stuck out his hand and said: "My name's Bowman. What's yours?"—*LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col.* f

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*When a woman lowers her voice, it's a sign she wants something; when she raises it, it's a sign she didn't get it.—R & R Magazine, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.*

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One of the insurance organization's stenographers persisted in falling asleep at her desk. The employment situation being what it is, the cashier felt he should talk it over with the mgr before firing her.

The mgr was perturbed. "You know we'd never get another girl in her place." Then a solution dawned on him.

"I'll tell you what," he suggested. "Print a placard to hang on her when she's sleeping at her desk. Say on it, 'When you have insurance, you will sleep this way, too!'" —*Summit, (Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada)* g

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*Nothing is harder on a woman's clothes than her enemies.—Reformatory Pillar.*

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Sen Glen H Taylor, Henry Wallace's running mate on the 3rd party ticket, was telling his colleagues what a religious background he possessed. "My father," he said, "was a preacher and a very religious man. In fact, he was so religious he had me baptized, not once, but 3 times."

At which point, Ind's young Sen Wm Jenner whispered hoarsely over his shoulder: "Now I know what all's the guy—he's waterlogged!" — *This World.* h

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John Howard Van Amringe, who occupies an important niche in the

# This WACKY WORLD

history of Columbia Univ. was a sworn enemy of coeducation. "You cannot," he asserted on one occasion, "teach a boy mathematics if there's a girl in the room."

"But, prof," someone objected, "you might."

"Then," observed the worldly-wise Van Amringe, "the boy isn't worth teaching."—Origin unknown. i

Sign on a Galveston bathing beach: A coat of tan is yours for the basking.—Pathfinder.

Little drops of water,  
Little grains of grit,  
When you want to build a house,  
Cost you quite a bit!  
—S OMAR BARKER, *Woodmen of the World Magazine*. j

In 1492 Columbus is supposed to have proved the world is round. In times like this, though, even a moron knows what shape it's in. — A G WEEMS, *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Once there was a little girl who was spending her 1st night away from home. When the sun went down and it began to get dark the little lady began to cry.

"Why, my dear," the hostess asked, "what is the matter? Are you homesick?"

"No," the little girl sobbed, "I'm heresick!"—*Pastor's Wife*. k

A rich man's jam is usually a gold-digger's bread and butter.— *Wkly Progress*.

A Washington diplomat was entertaining a French official. The official had difficulty with the King's English. He expressed his thanks for the kindness of his host, but added apologetically:

"I am so sorry to cockroach on your time."

"Oh," ans'd his host, "think nothing of it. But you don't mean cockroach, monsieur; it is encroach you mean."

"Oh, it is? I see—a difference in gender."—*Capper's Wkly*. l

A party of Texas newspapermen recently toured Wichita Falls (Tex) State Hospital for the mentally ill.

When the reporters passed the barber shop, one of the inmates, waiting for a shave, turned to another and said: "There goes a bunch of new patients." — *Editor & Publisher*. m

Press agent: A man who hitched his braggin' to a star.  
—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Magazine*.

The boss and clerks had gone out to lunch leaving only a pretty young book-keeper in charge of the store. A handsome young man entered the store and asked: "Do you keep auto accessories?"

The young lady smiled her prettiest and repl'd: "Only me."—*Santa Fe Magazine*, hm, Santa Fe Ry. n

The irate prosecutor whirled on the defendant: "Madam," he shouted, trying to prove a vital point, "while you were taking your dog for a walk, did you stop any place?"

The spectators waited tensely for her answer.

"Sir," she said quietly, "did you ever take a dog for a walk?"—*Hossier Motorist*. o

Gen'l Electric has developed a remote-control mechanical hands device that can mix atoms, deal cards, peel bananas, and uncork bottles. The machine will doubtless be used exclusively for such dangerous work as handling radioactive mat'ls and playing bridge.—*HOWARD BRUBAKER*, New Yorker.

A pert 8-yr-old entered a store in a small town and said to the owner: "I want a piece of cloth to make my doll a dress."

The merchant found a remnant and wrapped it.

"How much is it?" asked the lass. The merchant smiled. "Just 1 kiss."

"All right," she agreed, tossing her blonde curls. "Grandmother said to tell you she would come in this afternoon and pay for it."—*Geo W BLACK, Pageant*. p

Henry couldn't persuade his wife to let him attend a stag party he

Announcement in wkly church bulletin in Andover, Conn: "Children's Day will be observed next Sunday. Any parents wishing to have children at this time must see the minister not later than Friday."—*CARL A HANSEN, Coronet*.

had set his heart on, and as a result he was in an extremely nasty mood. "Women, women!" he shouted. "America is run by women. Men are just slaves. Can you imagine what this nation would be without women?"

"Yes," the little woman ans'd, "Stag-nation." — *ADRIAN ANDERSON, Woman*. q

You can't blame a taxpayer for feeling he is his brother's keeper.—*De Pere Jnl-Democrat*.

The old farmer said, "That air..." But his college-trained daughter interrupted to correct him sharply. "Say 'That there,' father."

The old man scratched his ear and tried to continue, "This ear..." Eut again she broke in: "'This here,' father."

Exasperated, the old man said plaintively, "If you'll just let me finish! What I was tryin' to say was that air comin' in the window is makin' this ear ache like all tar-nation."—*CLINTON CAMPBELL*. r

In Leipzig, where about 1/4 of all st names have been changed since the Russian occupation, trolley conductors are req'd to call out the old as well as the new names in order to make it easier for visitors to find their way. The other day the conductor of a car passing thru the center of the city made the req'd announcement: "Karl Marx Square, formerly Augustus Square."

A passenger about to alight, shouted back, "Auf wiedersehen (good-bye), formerly Heil Hitler."—*Der Spiegel*. (Hanover, Germany) s



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## THE MAGAZINES

**How to Stop Worrying** — DALE CARNEGIE, *Cosmopolitan*, 5-'48.

Most of us have little trouble "losing ourselves in action" while we have our noses to the grindstone and are doing our day's work. But the hrs after work — when we're free to enjoy our leisure and ought to be happiest—that's when the blue devils of worry attack us. That's when we begin to wonder whether we're getting anywhere in life; whether we're in a rut; whether the boss "meant anything" by that remark he made today.

Nature rushes in to fill the vacant mind. Usually with emotions. Such emotions are so violent that they tend to drive out of our minds all peaceful, happy thoughts.

Geo Bernard Shaw summed it all up when he said, "The secret of being miserable is to have the leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not." So don't bother to think about it! Keep busy. It's the cheapest kind of medicine there is on earth—and one of the best. . .

We often face the major disasters of life bravely—and then let the trifles, the "pains in the neck," get us down. Sam'l Pepys tells in his diary about seeing Sir Harry Vane's head chopped off in London. As Sir Harry mounted the platform, he was not pleading for his life; he was pleading with the executioner not to hit the painful boil on his neck!

The most famous insurance co on earth—Lloyd's of London—has made countless millions of dollars out of the tendency of everybody to worry about things that rarely happen. Lloyd's of London bets people that the disasters they are worrying about will never occur. They call it insurance. But it is

really betting based on the law of averages. . .

At 1st, the tire mfrs tried to make a tire that would resist shocks of the road. It was soon cut to ribbons. Then they made a tire that would absorb the shocks of the road. That tire could "take it." You and I will last longer and enjoy smoother riding, if we learn to absorb the shocks and jolts along the rocky road of life.

**What Does America Fear?**—CAREY McWILLIAMS, *UN World*, 5-'48.

The America of 1948, the most powerful nation in the world, is caught in a paroxysm of fear. For more than a decade, paradoxically, as our fabulous productive capacity has jumped by approx 50%, the tides of our fear have risen. The irony is even more deeply sensed when one recognizes the pathetic fact that *we cannot identify what it is that we fear*.

A fear that cannot be defined is a fear that can never be mastered. What precisely is it that we fear today? The headlines answer: "Russia," "Communism," "Red Facism." But, if it were Russia that we really feared, would our leaders be setting group against group and raising, with reckless disregard of the consequences, doubt and suspicions about the "patriotism" and "loyalty" of their fellow citizens?

A good case can be made for the proposition that, if Russia and Communism did not exist, we would have to invent their counter parts to appease our need for both an "external" and an "internal" enemy. . .

Oscar Handlin argues that nativistic anti-minority movements regularly arise in America during periods of great crisis. The reaction, he says, has been to find a basis of unity thru opposition to some group—the Negroes, the foreigners,

the Japanese, the anarchists. . . Our real internal enemy is precisely this nameless fear which, by arresting the hope of social advancement, contributes to the very reactions which can catapult us into war. The linkage here between fear and hate is unmistakable.

Wherever one looks in the America of '48 this fear-hate complex is painfully evident: In the south, the KKK is on the march. A scurrilous pamphlet is being widely distributed which, by direct statement, charges that the military security of America is in jeopardy because a Jew, David Lilienthal, is chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. . .

One need only recall the findings of the social psychologists who investigated the "shock" effects of Orson Welles' celebrated dramatization of the invasion of the Martians to appreciate how the steady accumulations of news items, rumors and personal frustrations are building up a great, blind, unreasoning fear in the minds of millions.

Fortunately a new courage is being born, or revived, to meet this alarming growth of fear. Acts of bigotry and hatred which have gone unchallenged for decades in America are now being seriously and consciously resisted. . . The manner in which the scientists of America rallied to the defense of Dr Condon when attacked by the Thomas Committee is another indication that resistances to intimidation are mounting. We hear too little of individual resistances, for they are usually buried in the news under an avalanche of "crisis" stories, rumors of war, war-mongering statements and other sensations.

On the nature of fear, we have a rich storehouse of traditional wisdom and lore which should be carefully pondered in America today. "He that fleeth from fear shall fall into the pit" (Jeremiah); "Fear always represents objects in their worst light" (Livy); "How often the fear of one evil leads us into a worse!" (Nicolas Boileau); "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself" (Franklin D Roosevelt). In each these maxims there is a truth to be applied to the hysterical, fear-ridden state of opinion in the America of '48.



